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WASHINGTON, October 14, 1982 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended October 9 totaled an estimated 14.7 billion ton-miles, 21.5 percent below the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 41 weeks of 1982 was an estimated 632.1 billion ton-miles, 12.8 percent below the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended October 9 totaled 349,777 cars, 19.1 percent below 1981, and 6.3 percent lower than the preceding week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were down 20.9 percent in the East, 16.4 percent in the South, and 19.4 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1981, 20 of the 21 commodity groups were down. Eighteen of the 21 groups decreased from the preceding week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended October 2 totaled 43,280 cars, up 14.5 percent from the corresponding week of 1981, and 77,105 trailers and/or containers, 12.6 percent higher than last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 40 weeks of the year was 1,456,376 cars, 9.4 percent higher than last year, and 2,554,610 trailers and/or containers, up 6.5 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 10/9/82:

	Loadings in Week ended October 9, 1982		Change from Corresponding Week 1981			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	21,196	D	3,488	14.1	D	2,615	11.0
Other farm products	3,525	D	1,988	36.1	I	727	26.0
Metallic ores	10,564	D	19,448	64.8	D	925	8.1
Coal	111,320	D	22,223	16.6	D	8,206	6.9
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	9,898	D	2,949	23.0	D	78	0.8
Nonmetallic minerals	10,047	D	1,707	14.5	I	63	0.6
Grain mill products	12,072	D	2,321	16.1	D	291	2.4
Food and kindred products	13,416	D	1,415	9.5	D	747	5.3
Primary forest products	14,552	D	3,656	20.1	D	411	2.7
Lumber and wood products except furniture	5,775	D	203	3.4	D	1,151	16.6
Pulp, paper and allied products	15,262	D	2,868	15.8	D	888	5.5
Chemicals and allied products	20,649	D	3,226	13.5	D	1,899	8.4
Petroleum products	4,522	D	615	12.0	D	354	7.3
Stone, clay and glass products	10,887	D	2,109	16.2	D	589	5.1
Coke	4,670	D	1,567	25.1	I	233	5.3
Metals and products	6,450	D	7,144	52.6	D	1,586	19.7
Motor vehicles and equipment	12,456	D	2,291	15.5	D	164	1.3
Waste and scrap materials	7,351	D	3,389	31.6	D	661	8.3
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	8,246	D	1,859	18.4	D	72	0.9
All other carloads	46,733	I	2,067	4.6	D	3,738	7.4
LCL traffic	186	D	25	11.8	D	14	7.0
Total Cars Loaded	349,777	D	82,424	19.1	D	23,366	6.3
Corresponding week of 1981	432,904						

	1982	1981	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (41 weeks)	14,838,840	17,236,769	D 13.9
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
40 Weeks cumulative	617.4	706.1	D 12.6
Week ended October 9	14.7	18.7	D 21.5
41 Weeks cumulative	632.1	724.8	D 12.8

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